

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 887**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Villines**

February 18, 2005

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An act to amend Section 4590 of the Public Resources Code, relating to forest practices.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 887, as introduced, Villines. Timber harvesting plan.

Under the Z'Berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973, no person may conduct timber operations on timberland unless the person has submitted a timber harvesting plan to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. The act provides that a timber harvesting plan is effective for a period of not more than 3 years, unless extended as specified.

This bill would instead provide that a timber harvesting plan is effective for a period of not more than 10 years, unless extended as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this  
2 act to provide greater flexibility and certainty to landowners to  
3 make the necessary investments in forestry to achieve long-term  
4 sustainable forest management while ensuring appropriate  
5 environmental protection.

6 SEC. 2. Section 4590 of the Public Resources Code is  
7 amended to read:

1 4590. (a) (1) A timber harvesting plan is effective for a  
2 period of not more than ~~three~~ 10 years, unless extended pursuant  
3 to paragraph (2).

4 (2) A timber harvesting plan on which work has been  
5 commenced, but not completed, may be extended by amendment  
6 for a one-year period in order to complete the work, up to a  
7 maximum of two one-year extensions, if ~~(A) good~~ both of the  
8 following occur:

9 (A) Good cause is shown ~~and (B) all~~.

10 (B) All timber operations are in conformance with the plan,  
11 this chapter, and all applicable rules and regulations, upon the  
12 filing of the notice of extension as required by this paragraph.  
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14 (b) The extension shall apply to any area covered by the plan  
15 for which a report has not been submitted under Section 4585.  
16 The notice of extension shall be provided to the department not  
17 sooner than 30 days, but at least 10 days, prior to the expiration  
18 date of the plan. The notice shall include the circumstances  
19 which prevented a timely completion of the work under the plan  
20 and, consistent with Section 4583, an agreement to comply with  
21 this chapter and the rules and regulations of the board as they  
22 exist on the date the extension notice is filed.

23 ~~(b)~~

24 (c) Stocking work may continue for more than the effective  
25 period of the plan under subdivision (a), but shall be completed  
26 within five years after the conclusion of other work.